

## New state budget seen rising by forty per cent — IL 130b.

By GIDRON ESHET

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The preliminary draft of the 1977/78 Budget, now being prepared by the Treasury, indicates it will rise by 40 per cent over the 1976/77 Budget.

The main increase will come from the Treasury's share of the 1976/77 Budget, which is expected to rise by 35 per cent, and the Treasury's share of the 1977/78 Budget, which is expected to rise by 45 per cent.

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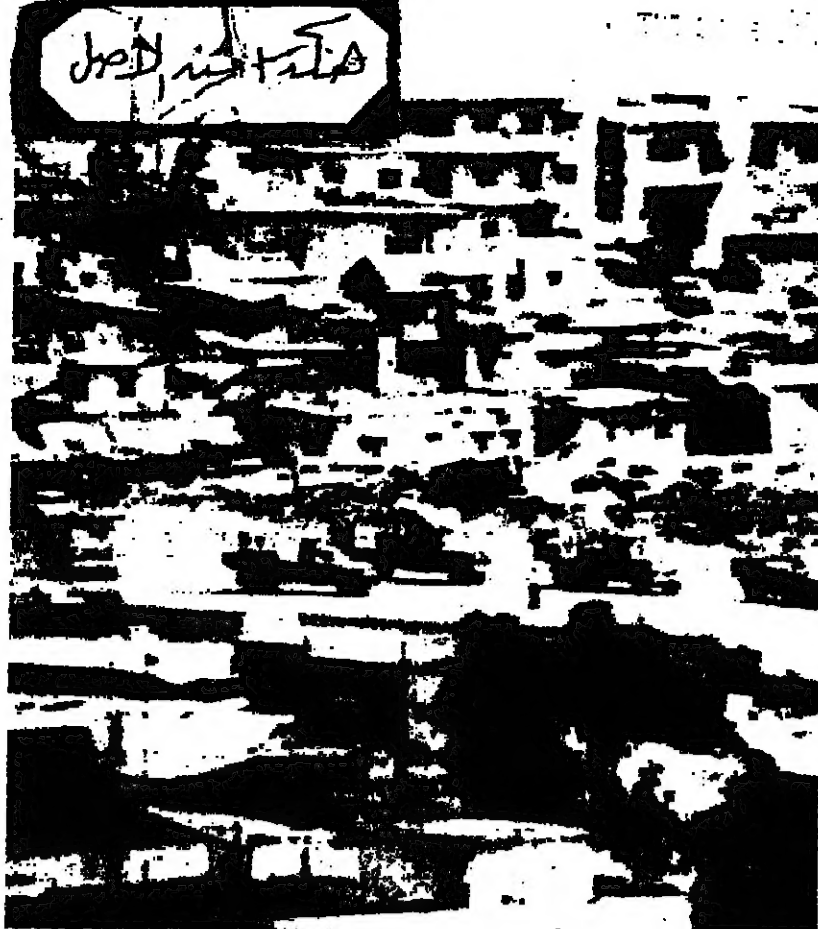
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Red Cross vehicles arriving in Tel el-Zaatar camp in leftist part of Beirut on Wednesday. Evacuation of wounded was suspended yesterday because of the security situation. (CPI telephoto)

## Another 17 plotters executed in Sudan

By GIDRON ESHET

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Sudanese government yesterday executed 17 more men for their part in an abortive coup, bringing the total of those who have so far died before a firing squad for an attempt to overthrow President Jaafar Numeiry on July 2.

Former Brigadier Mohammed Nour Saad, 42, described as the military commander of the coup attempt, was among those executed yesterday.

During his trial, an alleged confession was read in which he admitted planning the coup at a meeting in London with two Sudanese politicians, former Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi and former Finance Minister Sharief al-Hindl.

He was also alleged to have said the rebels had trained in Libya under the supervision of Libyan officers wearing civilian clothes. Libya has denied such allegations.

Saad, however, had pleaded not guilty together with his 21 co-defendants to charges of waging war against Sudan and attempting to overthrow the Numeiry government.

He and 16 others were convicted and sentenced to death. Four other plotters were jailed for life, but one of them had his term reduced to 14 years. One man was found not guilty and acquitted.

Omdurman radio, announcing yesterday's dawn executions, did not say how they were carried out. But informed sources said the convicted conspirators suffered the same fate as 51 others executed on Wednesday, and were shot by firing squad.

Three trials have so far taken place of those held responsible for the coup attempt. A fourth trial, of 210 people, is still in progress at Jabel Awila, south of Khartoum. (Reuters)

## Iraqi troops said fighting in Lebanon

Christians capture two soldiers

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The Arab League's hopes for consolidation of yesterday's cease-fire in Lebanon — the fifth in that country's 16-month civil war — were last night jolted by an announcement by the Christians that Iraqi troops had arrived in Lebanon to fight on the side of the Palestine Liberation Organization and their leftist allies.

It was not explained how the Iraqis arrived in Lebanon especially as their main antagonists, the Syrians, have barred them on land and air. Christian leader Camille Chamoun said that two Iraqi soldiers were now in captivity.

Later, Lebanon's Christian radio quoted Chamoun as saying that the Iraqi force of about 150 men had flown from Iraq to Egypt then continued by sea to Beirut-held Tyre in southern Lebanon.

Syria, which is at odds with both Iraq and Egypt, has in the meantime declined to send delegates to Beirut, where a four-member committee comprising the Arab League, Syria, Lebanon and the PLO was due to meet last night to discuss the consolidation of the cease-fire throughout Lebanon.

The Syrians wished apparently to verify reports on Iraq's involvement in Lebanon before taking the next move. The Syrians, who last week imposed a truce formula on the PLO, have been insistent on keeping Iraq and Egypt out of Lebanon for which Syria has tailored its own brand of a political settlement. In fact, Christians as well as conservative Moslem leaders in Lebanon have already approved the Syrian political initiative.

Under Syrian pressure, a new cease-fire had taken partial effect earlier yesterday in almost all of Lebanon except in Beirut. There the Christian forces had tightened their grip on the strategic eastern Tel el-Zaatar camp and then overran the nearby Nabaa quarter held by the PLO-leftist alliance.

Amin Jemayyel, son of the Christian Phalangist chief Pierre Jemayyel, expressed scepticism over the new cease-fire which was proclaimed yesterday morning by the Arab League, which now has 2,500 "peace-keeping" troops in Lebanon, mainly from Saudi Arabia and Sudan.

"It could never be serious because there is no force big enough to supervise it," Jemayyel said. The young Phalangist leader made the remark at a press conference in which he announced the capture of Nabaa.

He said that the assault on Nabaa was precipitated by a local PLO-leftist military buildup aimed at mounting new offensives against neighbouring Christian districts. He added that all of the Lebanese Moslem residents of Nabaa will remain in the quarter. But he noted that the fate of the Palestinians living there "was being discussed."

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## THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Max.	Min.
Jerusalem	44	17-28	28	17
Golan	45	18-29	29	18
Nahariya	46	19-30	30	19
Safed	43	16-28	28	16
Haifa	53	25-36	36	25
Tiberias	35	20-31	31	20
Nazareth	44	20-30	30	20
Afula	47	21-31	31	21
Shomron	48	22-32	32	22
Tel Aviv	61	23-33	33	23
B-G Airport	47	22-31	31	22
Jericho	34	19-28	28	19
Be'er Sheva	42	21-31	31	21
Eilat	21	28-36	36	28
Tiran	21	28-36	36	28

## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Nissim Yaish, designated Diplomatic Representative in Greece, and Shlomo Armon, Consul-General designate to Bombay. The two diplomats were received at Beit Hanesi in Jerusalem along with their wives.

A talk on "Ethics of the Fathers - a Sociological Perspective" will be given at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening by Prof. Martin Wolins of Berkeley, California, at the Beit Yisrael Synagogue, Rehov Pele Yoetz, Yemin Moshe, Jerusalem.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Beit Shalom, 86 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Dr. Z. Bachrach, of Bar-Ilan University, and Arye Chapman of Tour Ve'Aish, WZO Aliya and Absorption Department.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9.15 tonight at Beit Shalom in Jerusalem, devoted to the Rabbinical Council of America Convention. The speaker will be Rabbi William Cohen of West Hartford, Connecticut, just arrived from a visit to Russia. Zmilot will be led by Cantor Arye Goldberg.

Prof. Arieh Goren will discuss "Judah Magna" at an Oneg Shabbat programme in English, 8.30 this evening at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, 13 Rehov Hamelech David, Jerusalem. Community singing will precede the programme.

## Veteran diplomat to N.Y. post



**Yosef Ben-Aharon**  
Yosef Ben-Aharon, formerly a counsellor at the Israel Embassy in Washington, has been appointed vice Consul-General of Israel in New York.

Ben-Aharon, who served in Washington when Premier Yitzhak Rabin was Israel Ambassador there, is a veteran Foreign Ministry diplomat, familiar with the American scene. He will be consul for political affairs and in charge of liaison with Jewish organizations.

A CACHE of foreign currency bills from 17 different countries, worth a total of IL250,000, was discovered in a police raid on currency dealers in Tel Aviv's Rehov Lilenblum yesterday. Two dealers were arrested.

On the thirtieth day after the passing of my dear husband, our father and grandfather.

## Dr. BARUCH (Boris) LEVIN

there will be a memorial service and tombstone unveiling in Har Hamenuhot cemetery, Jerusalem. We shall meet at the entrance at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, August 8, 1976.

The participation of those who share our grief will be appreciated.

### THE FAMILY

The Management and Staff of Peltours Ltd. mourn the death of

## FRANZ ISRAEL NEEMAN

Peltours manager in West Germany and offer sympathy to the family.

The funeral will take place on Sunday, August 8, 1976, leaving at 12 noon from Sanhedria for Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.

Friends and those who cherish his memory are invited to pay last respects.

With deep sorrow, I mourn the passing of my beloved husband

## HANS SOMER, Eng.

His Wife  
Ann Somer

## Israel-U.S. agreement on 2 reactors

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel yesterday initiated an agreement with the U.S. for the purchase of two nuclear reactors, which now requires approval by the U.S. Congress.

Meeting with newsmen after initiating the agreement, Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz said that the reactors, which will produce 1,970 megawatts of electric power, will probably cost \$1.6 billion. Dinitz said that following the necessary congressional ratification, Israel will begin talks with representatives from General Electric and Westinghouse to determine with which company to negotiate a final contract. Presumably, Israel will deal with the company that makes the most attractive offer.

Dinitz declined to speculate when the deal might be concluded. On Wednesday, the State Department initiated a similar agreement with Egypt. Both Israel and Egypt were promised U.S. nuclear reactors by former President Nixon during his June 1974 visit to the Middle East.

The State Department reiterated yesterday that the agreements would include the most stringent safeguards designed to make certain that neither country will use them to manufacture nuclear bombs.

## BUDGET

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higher than the economy could cope with, and the Treasury had to slash the various budgets. This caused a tiresome procedure and inefficiency.

To avoid this, the Treasury will ask the Cabinet to approve a method by which the Treasury will notify the ministries of their allocation for the coming year. Only if a ministry has demands far surpassing the Treasury allocation, will they negotiate. In other cases, the Treasury figure will hold.

The advantage to the ministries will be that they would be able to determine themselves the inner structure of their budget, in which the Treasury will not intervene.

The Treasury had planned to bring these topics before the Cabinet at its session on August 15. However, it has not yet finished preparing the 1977/78 budget draft, and will not be able to do so in time. The economic discussion by the Cabinet will have to be postponed, therefore, by a week or two. However, in line with a Cabinet decision in March, it will have to be held this month.

## Olympic team returns to VIP welcome

BEIN-GURION AIRPORT. — Israel's Olympic athletes arrived home yesterday to a V.I.P. welcome in the terminal here.

They were received by Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yadin, who stressed the importance of the Olympics as an international arena where "national prestige" as well as athletic honours were competed for. Consequently, he said, Israel should do all it could to give promising athletes a proper chance — "even if there is little obvious chance of their ever winning a medal."

Star of the team was undoubtedly the hurdler Esther Roth, the only Israeli athlete who managed to get into the finals, when she placed sixth in the women's 100m. hurdles event. She was reunited with her small son, Yaron, whom she had not seen since before the Olympics, as soon as she stepped off the plane.

Esther said she had achieved "95 per cent" of what she had expected of herself in Montreal — but added that if she continued to train, there was no reason why she should not do better in Moscow in 1980. (Itm)



A pretty lady, a flower and a "kova tambar" greeted each of the 100 Israel Bonds leaders who arrived from the U.S. and Canada yesterday for their seven-day convention here. (Camera 13)

## 7-day Bonds meet begins

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Plans to develop tourist and recreation facilities along the Tel Aviv shoreline were detailed at the 1976 Israel Bond Leadership Conference yesterday by Avraham Shechterman, M.K., chairman of the State Development Company, and Amos Kinanov, who heads the Municipality's tourist and shore development department.

More than 100 Bond leaders from the U.S. and Canada who arrived a few hours earlier to attend the seven-day conference, are led by Sam Rothberg, General Chairman of the Bond campaign and Michael Arnon, President.

Before arriving at the Tel Aviv Museum for a reception by Mayor Shlomo Lahat, the delegates in-

spected the new Atarim Commercial Centre and toured projected development sites from the Old Port of Tel Aviv along the coast to Jaffa.

Today, the Bond Conference convened its first session with Defence Minister Shimon Peres and will be briefed by Ahir Shlomo Gazi, Head of the Military Intelligence Branch. In a session on the country's economic policy which will follow, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz will outline Israel's urgent need for increased financial aid. A panel of six senior Finance Ministry officials will conduct discussions on the current economic situation. Funds derived from the Israel Bond campaign, which sold \$277 million in 1975, are the major source of income for the State Development Budget.

## Probe ordered in police fatal shooting of youth

By SHOSHANA BIRNBAUM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police have set up a special commission of inquiry into the fatal shooting of a youth 13 days ago by a Tel Aviv detective. Shlomo Shlomo, 16, from Ashdod, died in Ichilov Hospital on Tuesday after being hit by a bullet in the head.

Two versions have been given as to the circumstances surrounding the shooting. According to the police, the boy was carrying a suspicious plastic sack down Rehov Ben Yehuda when he was asked by a plain-clothes detective to identify himself and reveal the contents of the bag. The youth flung the bag at the detective and ran away, pursued by the detective and a passerby. The detective fired several warning shots, but the youth ignored him. The detective fired again

hitting the youth in the head. The sack was found to contain a tape recorder stolen from a Tel Aviv electronics shop, police said.

Shlomo's friends, however, deny this version, claiming that the boy was pursuing someone who had tried to steal his own tape recorder. They said Shlomo had spent the night in a park, because he had missed the last bus back to Ashdod. While lying on a bench, Shlomo felt someone pull at the tape recorder from beneath his head, the friends claim. In the ensuing chase after the would-be thief, Shlomo heard calls to halt, but probably thought they came from accomplices of the thief, the friends said.

A police spokesman said that the special investigation had been ordered by Tel Aviv Police Commander, Nitzav David Ofer.

## Exchange visits planned with overseas cricketers

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An exchange of visits between Israel and several fellow associate members of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) is being planned, as a result of friendly discussions held at last month's ICC annual meeting in London.

Local cricket association chairman Ivan Kantor told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that invitations are being sent to those countries among the ICC's 16 associate members which responded favourably to Israel's representative at the meeting, David Golding.

Israel was accepted into the ICC in 1974. Associate members are countries where cricket is played on a regular basis, but Full Test status has not been granted. There are six full members: Australia, Eng-

land, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and the West Indies.

The ICC resolved to run another world cup in 1979, following the success of the first such competition in England last summer. (It was won by the West Indies, who defeated Australia in the final).

Though the idea of a "mini-world cup" for associates was dropped, the ICC is considering other ways of bringing associates into the competition, Kantor reported. One possibility is a play-off with the main world cup event.

In the current Test series between host-country England and the West Indies, the West Indies took a winning 2-0 lead in the five-match series by taking the third Test at Leeds a week ago. The other two matches were drawn. The final Test starts in London on August 12.

## 3 die, 7 hurt in car crash

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOD. — Three persons were killed and seven seriously injured in a head-on collision between a car and a taxi on the Lod-Petah Tikva road shortly after midnight yesterday.

The dead are David Pachima, 23, driver, Moshé Hanuka, 40, of Ramle, and Yosef Rofeh, 24, both of Lod. The injured were taken to the mona, and Yara Zafani, 18, of Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba.

Yahud. All three were travelling in the car. The fourth occupant of the car, Ronnie Bonofis, also of Yahud, was badly injured.

All six occupants of the taxi were seriously injured, including the driver, Moshé Hanuka, 40, of Ramle. All the injured were taken to the mona, and Yara Zafani, 18, of Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba.

## Prefab bridge on Eilat-railway is country's largest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the most complicated sections of the railroad to Eilat was completed recently with the construction, across Nahal Zin, of this country's largest bridge — a prefabricated 200-metre long railway trestle towering 85 metres above the wadi.

The prefabricated segments, weighing 25-35 tons each, were assembled at the construction site. Commenting on the completion of this phase, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi revealed this week that he intends to obtain Cabinet approval for the completion of an additional stretch of the line, from the Nahal Zin railroad now under construction to Eilat, 22 kms. further to the south. The cost will be IL50m.

The present phase will be completed by the end of next year at an estimated cost of IL122m. (1975 prices) — half of which was put up by the phosphate company, which will now be able to tap the rich Zin area phosphate deposits.

Ya'acobi believes the Government will have to put up only a small share of the total investment for

future segments. Major foreign financial interests, involving a number of countries have declared themselves willing to finance the project.

"There is no philanthropy involved," a Ministry spokesman told The Jerusalem Post. "At a two million ton per annum freight rate, this will be a sound financial investment and the line should be firmly in the black" he said. The completion of the project should increase the "overland Suez Canal by-pass" by many times its present 55,000 ton per annum tonnage, he added.

The two million ton rate would be conceivable even without hauling coal to Hadara (from South Africa via Eilat). The Dan Hiram committee had recommended Hadara as the coal terminal, but had left Eilat open as an option to be considered if Hadara were to start using South African coal — provided "the rail-road would be completed by 1984. Hadara's power station is expected to require an annual 3.4 m. tons of coal — which will mean booming business for the railroad regardless of whether it is shipped through Haifa or through Eilat.

## T.A. University to train New York medical students

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv University medical school will help New York State solve its doctor shortage by training 40 medical students a year from New York, starting in 1977.

University officials emphasise that this programme — which will be self-supporting — will not limit the opportunities for Israeli students. The labour market for doctors, as determined by the Ministry of Health, Kupat Holim and other bodies, limits the enrolment at the medical school to 80 students a year, plus 40 Israeli students who study abroad and return in the fourth year.

The Tel Aviv University medical school is the only one in the country which offers the fourth year programme for Israelis who spend three years abroad. This programme may be expanded as a result of the money which will be received from New York State as half of the annual tuition of \$12,000 per student paid by New York State and half by the students.

In addition to being a source of income — and a way to give something to the U.S. instead of receiving — the programme is seen as an additional link to the Jewish community in New York. It is expected that most of the students who come will be Jewish. Fund-raising for the medical school may also be easier when it is better known abroad. Cooperative research ventures with American medical schools may also be in the offing.

It is further hoped that the programme will create more jobs for young Israeli doctors at the hospitals affiliated with the university, due to the need for a larger teaching staff.

The programme was approved in a special law passed by the New York State Assembly and Senate and signed by the Governor. Here in Israel, the programme was approved by the University, the Council of Higher Education and the Minister of Education.

However, because of possible political implications, it is expected that the programme will be discussed at a future Cabinet meeting.

## Two Lebanese Communists taken off boat, deported

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Israel yesterday returned to Lebanon two members of a Lebanese Communist organization taken ashore from a Cypriot vessel intercepted in Israeli territorial waters on Tuesday night. The other passengers and crew had been allowed to proceed with the boat, the Kharma, to Tyre.

The two detainees were found in possession of a pistol and were taken ashore for investigation on suspicion of membership in a hostile organization. They were deported to Lebanon at Ra'eh Hanikra.

(Reporting this military source also confirmed that another man taken off a Lebanese boat is being detained on suspicion of belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was on the Lebanese freighter Abdul Bassed which had been arrested near Ra'eh Hanikra early in the week and held in Haifa for two days. The other 100 passengers and crew were released with the boat.)

AP reports from Beirut that the

two persons deported were members of Lebanon's Communist Action organization. Their names were Nahla Shahhal and Ali Sadek.

AP newsmen Ali Mahmoud, who was aboard the Kharma from L-mansel to Tyre, said the Israeli found two boxes of guerrilla battle fatigues on the boat. The freighter was eight kms. inside Israeli territorial waters at the time, according to the captain.

Mahmoud said the Israelis forced the passengers to squat and clasp their hands over their heads while they searched baggage. When they left the ship, the captain claimed they had taken his money — \$250 and 150 Cypriot pounds.

Others said the Israeli soldiers took a gold-plated lighter and a wristwatch from them. Mahmoud said he was missing a leather folder containing 1,758 Lebanese pounds (\$568) after the Israeli search.

(The Israeli Army spokesman's office said that it would investigate the complaints.)

## Yugoslavia to boycott chess event

BELGRADE. — Yugoslavia will boycott the Chess Olympiad this autumn because it is being held in Israel, Yugoslav Chess Federation president Svetozar Durotic said yesterday.

The Soviet Union, Hungary and Bulgaria previously announced they would boycott the event. "The holding of the Chess Olympiad in a focus of war and in the middle of a war atmosphere has no rational reason," Durotic told the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug.

"The participants are simply not guaranteed a minimum of moral security, the psycho-physical conditions indispensable for a chess competition," he declared.

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PETROL THIEVES have been particularly active recently, and three Tel Aviv youths were arrested yesterday carrying a jerrycan and hoses, which police suspect they used to siphon fuel from parked vehicles. South of Eilat.

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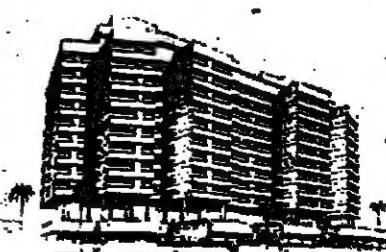
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ENTERTAINMENT  
Catherine Rosenheim

"WHAT I AM trying to say to the audience is 'we all know the story, but let's forget it.' I think of conventional theatre, which is based on preconceptions, where the audience's main concern is how a certain actress or actor is in a specific role, is out of date." With sweeping comments such as these, director Simcha Spektor explains and elaborates on his production of "Alice in Wonderland" currently appearing at Teva in Tel Aviv.

His Alice is not the blonde girl with long hair in the blue-and-white striped dress and white apron, of the original story. Instead, she has short black curly hair, wears a T-shirt and jeans — and even that is irrelevant to his concept.

Alice herself is not important as such, he says. She and the rest of the story are simply a vehicle for an idea, a means of conveying a new theatrical approach and a means of expression. "Usually a director and actors take a play and try to become part of it. Here we aim to fly with it. Alice gave us a chance to fly — we do the same, and we hope that the effect is that the audience can take off too and fly wherever they want with the conceptions we convey."

To Spektor, Alice is a figure in a strange land she doesn't understand, an allegory, a rebel against the Victorian manners and etiquette of her upbringing. She symbolizes what happens in the world of the unknown, is forced to look for a new means of expression.

Spektor's "Alternative Group" are a team of young actors, together questioning conventional theatre methods. He prefers to avoid the term "experimental" theatre which in Israel, he says, is usually considered as "an excuse for something not good enough for the camera."



Simcha Spektor's "Alternative Group" plays "Alice in Wonderland" at Teva.

WHEN I walked into "Alice" in the midst of rehearsal (you could hardly call it a dress rehearsal, since there simply are no costumes or set) the first and overwhelming impression was of very fast pace, highly intense movement, almost a staccato dialogue. Alice's race with the Mad Hatter, the Dodo and all was in mid-course.

It is movement and expression which tell the story, and always assuming that everyone knows "Alice" by heart, all the elements are there: the Mad Hatter's tea party, the Red Queen and the White Queen and all the rest. When Alice becomes very small in order to get through a tiny door, the rest of the characters form a huge table towering above her. Similarly, by purely physical means, they convey the various elements of the story.

As in the original, you can find in it all very clearly the political parallels: the power of government, the impotence of the masses.

"What I want to say is that we need to be born again, because the world is mad. By injecting an atmosphere of high tension into the action, I am trying to force the suffering of the whole event to take place in the audience as well as on stage."

Physically, Spektor's methods are extremely demanding. In most theatre, an actor exploits only about five per cent of his physical potential — this, he says, is also one of the major faults of theatre training in Israel. It produces actors geared to what he terms "coffee theatre," without enough discipline in vocal and physical techniques.

Simcha Spektor returned to Israel recently after completing his Master's degree in Fine Art at the New York University School of Art, on a scholarship from the Ministry of Education's Cultural Council. His first production here has the support of both Teva and Council. It takes you from a naive folk atmosphere, decorated with birds, trees, and with a background of sweet music, through a "little door" which forces you to stoop down to enter — slap into what, if you were expecting a children's story, and if Spektor's ideas have even halfway succeeded, must certainly come as some sort of shock — cultural, oral, visual. You may or may not like it, but if you do decide to give it a try, you should definitely leave the kids at home when you go to see this particular Alice.

## Flying liver-napper leaves recipe behind

THE TURKISH POSTAL Authority has announced the release of a multi-colored set of three stamps honouring the famous 13th century Turkish humorist Nasreddin Hodge. The stamps depict scenes from one of his anecdotes: While the writer was walking home from the butcher shop with some liver which he had just bought (150 Kurus stamp), he met a friend who gave him a new recipe for cooking the liver (200 Kurus stamp). As he continued along the road, a bird swooped down, seized the liver and flew away. "You may have the liver," shouted Hodge, "but it won't be any good to you because I have the recipe" (500 Kurus stamp).

Canada also saluted two of her major writers recently. Germaine Guèvremont, a French-Canadian writer whose works first achieved international acclaim in the late 1940s, and Robert W. Service, a noted chronicler of the Canadian North, are the subjects of two 8c stamps.

Antoine Dumas' painting depicting the opening scene from her novel "The Outlander" is the subject of a stamp honouring Guèvremont. The Service stamp illustrates the final stanza of one of his poems.

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To mark the opening of the 2nd International Folklore Festival in Haifa, the Post Office used a special pictorial cancellation on July 24. The cancellation was applied to all mail sent from the special postal branch put into use on that day at the soccer stadium at Kiryat Mitzpeh.

On July 30, the 37th International Camping Rally opened in the national park in Ashkelon. In addition to the camping stamp recently issued, the Post Office marked the event by setting up a special post office at the park and using a pictorial cancellation on the opening day. Mail processed during the remaining days of the Rally (closing on August 5) received the regular Ashkelon cancellation.

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## Domestic Olympics

IT OCCURS TO ME / Hadassah Bat Haim

NO ONE within reach of a radio or television set was able to escape the Olympics and even those like myself who would not watch the Games if they took place in Nahariya now, know more about them than we actually care to. It is not that we have anything against exercise. As a means of keeping healthy and achieving a desirable symbiosis between body and soul it is invaluable but it does not seem to me effective in proving that one nation is better than another nation. And if it should indeed be evident that certain people can, say, balance upside down on rings much better than certain other people, should that be taken as a criterion of their worth?

In our house we are largely indifferent to who turns most somersaults quickest but we were compelled to show some interest in the events by the presence of our nephew from England who spent most of his precious and expensive holiday in the Holy Land — immovable in front of the screen. In a way it was a pity he landed up with such unappreciative hosts as he passed on to us the minutest details of each performance, how it compared with the previous ones, with the other styles, the different exponents and the world records. He could undoubtedly write a doctoral thesis on the subject. It is to be hoped that he will apply himself equally to his mathematics when he gets home.

Constrained to demonstrate some common enthusiasm with our young visitor we agreed that many of the sport are excellent training for daily life. Ten thousand metres, for example, is just about the distance from here to Acco so anyone working in one place and living in the other, who could run that far in 37 minutes would be independent of public transport. The aquatic experts could swim, since along the coast the distance is less than six kilometres. Then there is javelin throwing. A pointed spear in the right hands would give a considerable shock to intruders. Quicker than a gun, too, and less liable to go off at the wrong moment. Weightlifting is also an accomplishment whose lack I deplored when we moved house. Its possession would have saved a small fortune on the piano alone and skill at putting the shot would be very handy for us now that we are off the ground floor. There is always something to be thrown up to us to save someone's legs on the stairs: washing dropped off the bathroom sill, letters, tins of cucumbers and other odds and ends. Our aim is so puny and inaccurate that it's often quicker to go down after all. But being higher up than we have ever been, causes us to pay most attention to pole vaulting. This proficiency is the one which would save us a lot of trouble when we have forgotten our key. How glorious if, instead of ignominiously waiting to be let in, we could hurdle onto the verandah from the street. Or maybe a high jump would do it, without a pole, and a long jump would, of course, be very practical in the rainy season in Tel Aviv. However, apart from these rather limited uses it seems an awful lot of time, money, and effort for very little real benefit.

## Chess / Elyahu Shabat

### Making chess history

Seventeen-year-old Nir Grinberg, Israeli junior champion, made history by winning the world championship for "Cadets" (players under 17) held in France in July. Grinberg went through unscathed to score 7½ points out of 9 games in a strong field of 24 players, including well-known players from the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, New Zealand (whose representative was the runner-up), Australia and Iceland.

It was the first time an Israeli chess player has won a world title. The publicity of this outstanding achievement has hit the front pages, and no congratulatory message was sent by the Prime Minister or any other Minister. Apparently, Israel has too many world champions for some humble chess player to be given his due credit.

The following game was played against the Rumanian representative: Nir Grinberg, White, vs. M. Fohar, Black. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bb4 7.Nc6 Bxc6 8.Nb5 Bc5 9.Na3 Bxb2 10.Nc4 Bc3 11.Nd6 Bxb2 12.Ne5 Bc3 13.Nf3 Bb4 14.Ng5 Bc5 15.Nh6 Bxb2 16.Ng5 Bc3 17.Nf3 Bb4 18.Ng5 Bc3 19.Nh6 Bxb2 20.Ng5 Bc3 21.Nf3 Bb4 22.Ng5 Bc3 23.Nh6 Bxb2 24.Ng5 Bc3 25.Nf3 Bb4 26.Ng5 Bc3 27.Nh6 Bxb2 28.Ng5 Bc3 29.Nf3 Bb4 30.Ng5 Bc3 31.Nh6 Bxb2 32.Ng5 Bc3 33.Nf3 Bb4 34.Ng5 Bc3 35.Nh6 Bxb2 36.Ng5 Bc3 37.Nf3 Bb4 38.Ng5 Bc3 39.Nh6 Bxb2 40.Ng5 Bc3 41.Nf3 Bb4 42.Ng5 Bc3 43.Nh6 Bxb2 44.Ng5 Bc3 45.Nf3 Bb4 46.Ng5 Bc3 47.Nh6 Bxb2 48.Ng5 Bc3 49.Nf3 Bb4 50.Ng5 Bc3 51.Nh6 Bxb2 52.Ng5 Bc3 53.Nf3 Bb4 54.Ng5 Bc3 55.Nh6 Bxb2 56.Ng5 Bc3 57.Nf3 Bb4 58.Ng5 Bc3 59.Nh6 Bxb2 60.Ng5 Bc3 61.Nf3 Bb4 62.Ng5 Bc3 63.Nh6 Bxb2 64.Ng5 Bc3 65.Nf3 Bb4 66.Ng5 Bc3 67.Nh6 Bxb2 68.Ng5 Bc3 69.Nf3 Bb4 70.Ng5 Bc3 71.Nh6 Bxb2 72.Ng5 Bc3 73.Nf3 Bb4 74.Ng5 Bc3 75.Nh6 Bxb2 76.Ng5 Bc3 77.Nf3 Bb4 78.Ng5 Bc3 79.Nh6 Bxb2 80.Ng5 Bc3 81.Nf3 Bb4 82.Ng5 Bc3 83.Nh6 Bxb2 84.Ng5 Bc3 85.Nf3 Bb4 86.Ng5 Bc3 87.Nh6 Bxb2 88.Ng5 Bc3 89.Nf3 Bb4 90.Ng5 Bc3 91.Nh6 Bxb2 92.Ng5 Bc3 93.Nf3 Bb4 94.Ng5 Bc3 95.Nh6 Bxb2 96.Ng5 Bc3 97.Nf3 Bb4 98.Ng5 Bc3 99.Nh6 Bxb2 100.Ng5 Bc3

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### A PAEAN TO FABRICS

THE AUTUMN fashion shows here were a paean to fabrics, with nearly enough yardage of sheer luxury to encircle France. St. Laurent took the prize with his ballooning, bell-shaped skirts and sleeves in opulent satin and tulle, but scores of first-class designers showed up in Lanvin capes and long coats. Leather was used cleverly at Givenchy; Ungaro produced a fireworks show of passementerie and silk prints, and nearly everybody jumped on to the big coat and evening dress bandwagon.

Paris couture costs are generally big and enveloping, especially at Lanvin. Many houses showed dolman sleeves, and ponchos or hooded capes are in just about everywhere.

Fabrics were played down, and when shown were often straight, stiff and unadorned, but the couturiers usually do lots of trousers in their ready-to-wear collections.

Daytime colours from Paris are generally conservative and autumnal with brown predominating, followed by ivory, grey, forest or loden green, various blues and the occasional forthcoming red, blue or green.

## BIBLICAL BYWAYS / L. I. Rabinowitz

### A blessing in disguise

THE BOOK of Deuteronomy, the second portion of which is read tomorrow, consists almost entirely of the farewell speech Moses delivered to the Children of Israel "on the other side of the Jordan," knowing that it was not to be given to him to cross over and tread on the soil of the Promised Land: "I have shown it to you with your eyes, but thither you will not come."

This week's portion opens with Moses' account of the pathetic appeal he made to God to reverse that decision, and the rejection of the plea. "And the Lord said unto me, 'Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto Me of this matter. Get thee up into the top of Mt. Pisgah and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes; for thou shalt not go over this Jordan to the land which I swear unto thee.'"

Although this decree sounds harsh and draconic and Divine Mercy seems absent, I, for one, have never regarded the decree in this way. For over 40 years, from pulpit and platform, I have expounded my own "Midrash Rabinowitz" which goes thus: "The Holy One, Blessed be He, conferred a boon and a blessing on Moses when he issued this decree, for it is infinitely better that a person should die with all his rosy dreams and ideals intact, and unshattered, rather than that his life be prolonged, only to have them rudely shattered by the force of harsh reality."

How much better it was that Moses should surrender his soul to his Maker with a vision of a land flowing with milk and honey, and not have to experience the shattering of that dream that occurred under his successor, Joshua.

Imagine my delight when after 40 years a similar Midrash has turned up! In the "Midrash Sifre Zuta," discovered and published recently by Saul Lieberman, the words *Bea Lach* are interpreted not as a preceptory "That's enough" but as suggested by the translation of the Authorized Version given above, "Suffice it for thee." It is better this way; it is a blessing in disguise!

## Portion of the week

Sidra: Va'ethanan (Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)

RABBI ELIEZER said: The Jews were liberated from Egypt by virtue of five things: they had suffered more than enough; they repented; God remembered His promises to the Patriarchs; God had mercy on them; and the time had come. By the same tokens they will be redeemed in the Time-to-Come.

Rav says the Jews will be redeemed only if they repent. Shmuel said: Their suffering over being in Exile will suffice to earn them redemption.

Rabbi Eliezer said: They will not be redeemed unless they repent, as said (Jeremiah 3:22): "Repent, wayward nation: I will heal your apostasy." Rabbi Yehoshua said: But it is said (Isaiah 53:3): "You were apostasy." Rabbi Eliezer said: But it is said (Malachi 3:7): "Return to Me, and I will return to you." Rabbi Yehoshua said: But it is said (Jeremiah 3:14): "I am patient with you, and I will take you... and bring you to Zion." Rabbi Eliezer said: But it is said (Isaiah 30:15): "By coming back you shall be saved." Rabbi Yehoshua said: But it is said (Isaiah 49:7): "Thus says God, Israel's redeemer... When they see you, kings shall rise... because of God, Who is faithful... Who has chosen you." Rabbi Eliezer said: But it is said (Jeremiah 4:1): "If you will but come back to Me." Rabbi Yehoshua said: But it is said (Daniel 7:7): "When the stated period-of-time shall come to an end, the Beast shall have no rest."

Rabbi Abba said: The following is a clear sign that the Messiah is at hand (Ezekiel 38:13): "But you, mountains of Israel, shall put forth your branches and yield your fruit for My people Israel, for their homecoming is near... you shall be tilled and sown. I will populate you heavily with people — the whole House of Israel — and the cities shall again be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. I will populate you heavily with people and animals; they shall increase and be fruitful... I will cause people to tread you again — My people Israel; they shall settle in you, and you shall be their possession" (Devarim Rabba 2:25; Sanhedrin 97b, 98a).

PESIKTA DERAV KAHANA comments on tomorrow's Haftara (Isaiah 40:1-26): Just as the Jews' sin was a double one (Lamentations 1:8) and their punishment was double (Isaiah 40:2), so will their consolation be double: "Comfort, comfort My people" (Isaiah 40:1).

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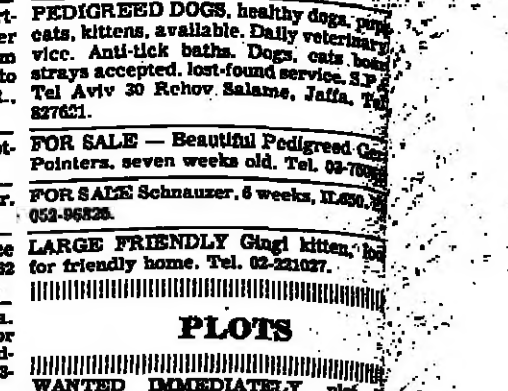
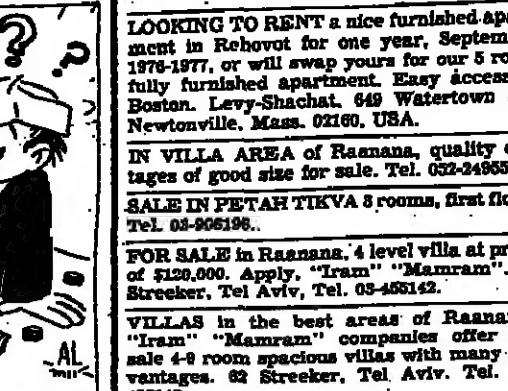
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**TO LET:** a new apartment, unfurnished, 3 rooms, Armon-Hanativ. Tel. 03-22307.

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**KIRYAT MOSHE:** 3 rooms, furnished, telephone, 4th floor, Lin-Dar Real Estate, Tel. 03-233071.

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**NEAR BEIT ELISHEVA:** 4 rooms apartment, 4th floor, elevator. Tel. 03-37402.

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**YORDET HASIRA:** 3 rooms, hall, 5 balconies, heating, parking. Tel. 03-65651.

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**SALE:** villa, Ramat Moshe, 180 sq. m. 3 1/2 bedrooms, modern building possible. Tel. 03-52945, Moav.

**CHOICE NEIGHBOURHOOD:** (Hahayashim), 3 rooms + storage, room 1st floor, 3 balconies, view, immediate, IL350,000. "Anglo-Saxon", Tel. 03-217161.

**BEIT HAKEREM:** exceptional 3 1/2 room apartment, with garden, view. Must be seen. "Anglo-Saxon", Tel. 03-221161.

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**Attention all British Students!**  
Those attending a University in Britain next term are invited to an all-expenses paid weekend in Jerusalem on August 27th-29th to discuss the problems facing Jewish students on campuses and the role of 'Student Action for Israel.'  
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**THE ROAD BACK** from our fortnight's dedication to the Olympics has been fraught with pitfalls. A child in a "New Yorker" cartoon once asked her father a TV addict, whether it was true that television was turning his brain into mush, and certainly I felt it had done it to mine as we moved imperceptibly from the mournful hymn accompanying the lowering of the Olympic flag to the even more mournful hymns introducing the way of Tisha B'Av. The timing was, of course, coincidental, but the effect was certainly weird.

Professor Elihu Katz and his colleagues in the Department of Communications should do research on the effect of the emotional ups and downs involved in moving at high speed from comedy on Jordan to earnest debate on Israel to thriller on Jordan to education on Israel to late thriller on Israel to Bible verse of the day and midnight calamities on the news. Another subject for Professor Katz's research — the deep, hypnotic sleep into which one slips while watching TV — is it caused by the multiplicity of invisibly moving lines? Does it refresh? Does it count as sleep for Mr. Kargman's purposes?

Our commentators on the Olympics, as if to put me in my place for criticizing them, covered themselves with glory on the last long night, appropriately devoted to the marathon and the high jump.  
Even I could not complain about the coverage: it was both subjective and analytical. We certainly shared the agonies and ecstasies of high jumpers Dwight Stones and Greg Joy, the grim determination of stainless-steel man Waldemar Cierpinski in the marathon, the thrills of

**THE RECENT ARRIVAL** in Jerusalem of two groups of African clergy for a period of study and contact with modern Israel is evidence of the continuing interest of African Christians in this country, despite the break in diplomatic relations by most of their governments.

On July 5, a group of black African Catholics — several nations began a nine-week seminar in Jerusalem on "Biblical Tradition and Community Development." Sponsored by the Israel Inter-Faith Committee, in cooperation with the African Committee for the projected Bible Institute of Jerusalem, the seminar is in French. Lecturers include professors from the Hebrew University and from Christian institutions in Jerusalem.

The African participants include 13 priests who have been studying in Rome and in Paris, a Dominican brother, and a religious sister.

The lectures focus on both ancient and modern Israel, include Hebrew study, emphasize the Jewish roots of the Christian Biblical heritage, and contain a practical series on community development in modern Israel and its possible application to the African scene.

A longer programme of study — for seven-and-a-half months — has been organized by the Pontifical Biblical Institute, in cooperation with the Hebrew University. Dr. Francis Furlong, the Institute's Jerusalem director, reports the arrival on July 1 of 23 students from 16 countries. All of them are at present attending an intensive Hebrew course at the Givat Ram campus. Hebrew study, both Biblical and modern, will continue after the three-month urban, and courses will be added at the Hebrew University in Biblical archaeology, geography, and history.

While Africa is well-represented, the group includes priests and future professors of Bible from Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Trinidad, and other nations. The programme marks the beginning of the Golden

# LIMPING BACK AFTER THE OLYMPIC ORDEAL

TELEVIEW / Philip Gillon

the East German girls winning the relay unexpectedly by a freckle on the nose of the last runner. It was great stuff.

So was Alex Gladi's description of the closing ceremony. I don't know what everyone wanted from the poor Canadians: given the terrorist threat, and all the political nonsense, it seemed to me that they accomplished an incredible feat in bringing the vast event safely through to a conclusion. Frustrating the terrorist determination to deprive mankind of pleasure was a remarkable accomplishment; the sport was extraordinary.

As for the Communist complaints about the Canadian who encouraged defections, I think the Western world should announce right away, loud and clear, that any Western athlete wanting to defect to the USSR in 1980 will be allowed to do so without any objections.

The shots of the Russian men and women in Moscow welcoming the 1980 Olympics in advance were both promising and touching: it looks as if the Kremlin has issued the order, "Prove that Soviet citizens can enjoy themselves, whether they like it or not," and that the youth of Moscow

has jumped at the opportunity to do so.

A REGULAR critic of mine has written complaining about my suggestion that Israeli soccer players should be taught to foul surreptitiously, as the Guatemalans and Mexicans do. In the first place, he says, the suggestion that these Latin Americans foul is bad public relations; secondly, he feels it is vicious and immoral to suggest that Israeli players should be taught to foul. I hasten to assure him that my remarks were not intended to be taken quite so seriously, as he took them.

Another correspondent writes that it is surprising that Israelis are so inept at fouling: he claims that they learn the art of assault from the age of two in the crèche, and that their school careers are devoted largely to cribbing, cheating, copying and similar educational practices.

True, but the problem is that they learn to do these things in an open and mainly fashion, which leads to bad habits on the soccer field, where they commit offences blatantly, under the eye of the referee. Decent, guile, the innocent smile covering the

punch to the kidneys — that they don't learn. And they must if we are to beat the Mexicans.

**THE FIRST** of the Tisha B'Av programmes was "O Ariel, Ariel," very well done indeed, with smoke rising over the ruins of the Temple and choir singing or declaiming appropriate descriptions of what was going on, with Gideon Shemer particularly good in the lead part. Considering the horrors described and the terrible tragedy that was taking place, commendable restraint was shown in the treatment of the theme, and the camera was kept moving around with impressive effects. It is certainly no easy matter to be a Jew.

A more cheerful note was struck in the month's "Treasure Hunt," which introduced all kinds of new approaches to the joint pursuit of knowledge and wealth. We got off to a rousing start with a film of a play, and ended finding the treasure in Klatskin's pocket on the Little Habima stage. Very pleasant variations these were, too.

Once again the treasure hunter had little difficulty tearing the riddles to shreds: she needed a minimum of help from viewers, and many of those who proffered it wanted no

remuneration — an example of the spirit engendered by the pica. She finished 20 minutes of schedule, thereby obliging authorities to give us an extra page "Hawaii Five-O."

Perhaps because of the formed during the Olympics, myself wishing that Tishah B'Av would tell us whether Ada Ben — I hope I have the name right — had broken the record speedily solving of the riddle. Information available as to who the fastest time and as to whose reached Dan Kaner, the fastest using these statistics will add exciting note to the exercise.

**WE ARE** enjoying some more British films these days: "Prometheus" and "Oz Matters," although "The Line" has deteriorated sadly. It is great, the kind of man who would all have liked to see towering genius as Israeli women as he was contemporary that: most of us tremble at from an income tax collector banker, let alone a balling know how French-speaking are reacting to the British their superhuman hero, but tainly seems to me to be the of all that was best in France. "Country Matters" goes on better and better: it really is a British classic. If only we could British countryside in colour. "Kojak" ended with a gag as Theo commented on the polluting the East River: "This maid — fish alone out and give singing lesson." An "Ammy" should go to the writer of the dialogue.

every three African Christian first-generation convert. The decline of Christianity in the and its growth in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Christianity a well "on its way to be predominantly a religion of whites," comments "Time."

**AFRICAN CHRISTIANS** have a deep appreciation of Jewish Bible (their Testament), which together the New Testament has translated into scores of languages. And the number creases every year. Dr. F. writes in "Solomon and Ben Africa" that, in addition to the Roman Catholic, Orthodox Protestant churches, there are 5,000 distinct religious bodies African nations with some 7 adherents which have almost to the West.

Independent African churches reports Barrett, have adapted elements of Biblical religion, including the establishment of religious centres in "Jerusalem," strict observance holy day (sometimes Sabbath) and fasting, the use leavened bread, prohibition of serious observance of the law, immersion, and so forth.

Black African theologians focus on the theme of liberation the exodus "out of bondage" in their most meaningful biblical. Outrage has been over the "racist exploitation" involved in apartheid in South Africa and the ancient Hebrew call for justice is frequently to support the demands for change.

Biblical faith is the founder reflection on these themes hoped that those studying her and others yet to come, their Biblical understanding ed from having been in the that the cause of Israel relations may be served these contacts.



Catholic clergymen from Africa listen to a lecture in the seminar on "Biblical tradition and community development" being held in Jerusalem. (Israel)

## Jerusalem gives new insights

CHRISTIAN COMMENT / Oikoumenikos

Jubilee Year for the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem in its recently renovated premises near the King David Hotel.

**AFRICAN STUDENTS** interviewed recently expressed enthusiasm about their Israeli teachers and their admiration for the remarkable economic and technological development seen so far. They also mentioned the new insights into familiar Biblical passages afforded by their visits to historic sites in Jerusalem, the Judean wilderness,

and the Jordan Valley. Other African groups continue to come to Israel for shorter periods. Eighty-seven pilgrims from one West African nation last week completed a memorable visit here. They left with the hope that the future will bring improved relations with their country so that many larger groups may have the kind of enriching experience they enjoyed. The potential for tourism alone is enormous.

The number of black African Christians is now estimated at over 40,000,000. Christianity in black

Africa south of the Sahara has been growing at a phenomenal rate, reportedly faster than Islam. According to statistics compiled by a research team based in Nairobi and headed by Dr. David B. Barrett, at the present rate of growth, the number of African Christians will have risen to 350,000,000 or about 45 per cent of the continent's population by the year 2000.

Reports "Time" magazine: "The remarkable growth is attributable to normal population increase and a high incidence of conversion: one of

## Olympic bridge drama

**THE RECENT** Bridge Olympics will be discussed in bridge circles for a long time. Of particular interest is the one deal — as reported by the Precision Club of New York — that gave Brazil victory over Italy.

North  
♠ A 8 5  
♥ K 6 5  
♦ A 8 5  
♣ A 8 5  
South  
♠ K 7 3  
♥ 8 7  
♦ Q 6 4 3  
♣ 6 4

It was the last round. Italy, leading the field, was ahead of Brazil by 11 victory points. Playing Greece, Italy needed only a tie with Greece which would earn 12 victory points. Brazil blitzed Canada, gaining 20 victory points. If only Greece could beat Italy!

So in this deal (the same deals were played at all matches), when

Greece was North-South they were in a six diamond contract.

If you were South, how would you play the hand after the lead of the club queen? There were three possibilities: First, if the spades split 3-3 the slam was cold; second, if an opponent with four spades also held four hearts a squeeze would give the 12th trick; and third, if a dummy reversal was played with trumps splitting 3-2 and with South trumping one club and two hearts, there would develop the extra trip in trumps.

Italy played for the squeeze and lost. The dummy reversal would have worked this way: The defence would be allowed to hold the opening club lead. With a probable club return, the ace would win and a declarer would ruff a club.

So Italy lost to Greece 3-17, and Brazil rose to the top of the bridge world. If the slam had succeeded, Italy would have beaten Greece 11-9, just enough to win the championship again.

## The flawed health bill is being held over — but...

the danger that we shall be landed with a flawed health insurance law has only been postponed — the criticism of the bill being accepted by members of the Government, coalition and opposition parties, all newspapers (except Al Hamishmar), and the majority of the public. The Health Minister has admitted (in the TV programme, Moked) that even he thinks the bill would be better without the criticized sections.

**BUT** the leaders of the Histadrut still demand the questionable right to expel from the Histadrut members who "dare" to transfer from the Histadrut's sick fund to another one; and they still maintain that sick-fund dues should be collected by the Histadrut's dues offices — financially a very wasteful method — rather than by government machinery (a cheaper way of doing it).

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## A wrong number

THIS WEEK'S announcement that applicants for telephones will, in addition to the high installation fee, be required to lead the Ministry of Communications IL1,500 to be deducted from their first 3,000 calls is a good example of admirable but misapplied ingenuity.

The ingenuity belongs to the Ministry of Communications and its new Director-General, Aluf (Ras.) Moshe Gidron, and, of course, to the Treasury's Budget Bureau. The novel departure was adopted to devise a way of getting on top of the perennial waiting list for the installation of new phones, which now stands at 170,000. What apparently happened is that the new managers in the Ministry decided to solve the problem of this enormous waiting list, once and for all, and immediately came up against the stubborn fact that the Treasury has no money available.

Why there is no money for this purpose is, however, itself an interesting question. The current State Budget calls for a revenue of more than IL2 billion from the telephone service; operating expenses are estimated at about IL1 billion; and investments in the development of the telephone system stand at slightly over IL500m. This means that the Treasury will make at least a IL500m. profit from the phone service this year, in addition to its income from the Defence Stamp Tax and from the new VAT on telephone bills.

The fact is that the Treasury has been making profits from the phone service consistently. This is as it should be, but it poses the question of why the Treasury should not be interested in increasing its investments in one of the most profitable businesses in Israel, which would guarantee it even higher revenue in the immediate future.

The answer lies primarily in the realm of ideological preconceptions. In Israel's early years the telephone was seen as a luxurious appurtenance of Western capitalism. And even in the 1950's and perhaps early 1960's it could rightfully have been treated as such. Today however, not only do many Israelis have phones, what is more important, all economic and social life is geared to the assumption of phone ownership, so that it cannot longer be defined as a luxury.

In the 1970's the Israeli who does not have a phone suffers from a real, as opposed to an imagined, deprivation. The forced loan to be taken from the pockets of applicants for telephones is one way of overcoming this problem. But contrary to the assertions of the Postal and Budgetary authorities it is not the only conceivable nor the best alternative.

The main drawback of the proposed arrangement is that it hits at those least able to pay. Affluent Israelis, by and large, already have phones: they will not have to pay any more for their phone service. But the applicants who don't yet have phones and who are being asked to pay more include a very large proportion in the lower income brackets.

As in the case of continued punitive taxation of such former "luxuries" and present necessities as refrigerators and gas stoves, the man at the end of the queue is the one who is required to pay several times more for the same service as did the more affluent and influential who were at the beginning of the queue.

Surely it would have been just as effective and more fair to have recourse to one of two other alternatives: having the Treasury waive part of its telephone profits for reinvestment in the service which would increase its revenue or, raising the cost of phone calls so that the entire phone-owning population shares in the burden of the further development of the system.

The entire matter serves as a perfect example of an issue that should have been submitted to public debate with the final decision taken in public by the public's elected representative: the Knesset. Instead what we have got is a decision argued out by well intentioned technocrats claiming to know best what is best for the public and approved in quasi-secrecy by a closed Knesset committee. It should be no surprise that it leaves a bad taste.

## The buy-Israeli month

BLUE-and-White month, now under way, could easily hit the wrong target. It should not be seen as a chauvinistic campaign to make people buy Israeli goods at all costs. Such propaganda could do more harm than good.

Had it been in the country's interest to keep out foreign products, the simplest method would have been to enact an import ban. But the aim is different. Israel used to have import controls; they were dismantled — for the sake of Israel's economic health, not out of any sympathy for the rival manufacturer abroad.

Industrialists had to be compelled by the pressure of foreign competition to desist from making articles they could not afford to produce cheaply. It is more profitable by far to concentrate on items that have become a local speciality — items that can sell on their own merits in the export market too, where there are no Blue-and-White campaigns to support them.

The campaign is necessary all the same — to combat a prejudice that exists in favour of foreign makes. The President of the Manufacturers' Association, Avraham Shavit, pointed out this week that his organization is calling not for commercial patriotism, only for decent impartiality. When an Israeli product is just as good and just as cheap as the competing foreign brand — give it a chance. If the Blue-and-White month can transmit that message, it will have done a lot.

Reb Zvi Yehuda Kook's talk at Mercas Harav Yeshiva on Independence Day, 1967, lamented the nation's equanimity about living in a truncated Eretz Yisrael. After the events of the week of June 5, all of Reb Zvi Yehuda's listeners were convinced that he was divinely inspired, writes MOSHE KOHN, in another instalment of this series of articles on Gush Emunim.

# The roots go back to the 'fifties



Reb Zvi Yehuda Kook

THE ROOTS of Gush Emunim, then, extend far beyond Kaddum; beyond the settlement attempts of the summer of 1948 that first brought it into the headlines; beyond its emergence as a pre-war group inside the NRP after the December, 1973 elections.

These roots go back even beyond the 1947-73 settlement activities of the people who were later to become Gush Emunim leaders. They go back to the middle and late 1950s, when the older Gush leaders were students at Mercas Harav, many of them — including Gush leaders I have mentioned and many others not mentioned — also Bnei Akiva or Bara group leaders and active members.

Labour M.K. Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, Rabbi of the Hatzrat and Moshavim Movement, is one of the more outspoken opponents of Gush Emunim, branding as a distortion their interpretation of the teachings of Rav Kook and of Religious Zionist ideology generally; rejecting their political line; and questioning the sincerity of their settlement programme.

Rabbi Hacohen recalls two incidents in the 1950s period, which he says characterized one era in Religious Zionism generally and Bnei Akiva particularly, and marked the beginning of a new era in which the seeds of Gush Emunim were sown. At the time, he was a Bnei Akiva youth leader, then a Nahal chaplain, then Editor of the Chaplaincy Corps journal, "Machanayim". In 1951, he was riding in an army truck with a group of Religious Nahal boys.

"In open country, they sang mainly 'religious' songs. But when we rode through settled areas, they sang only 'Zionist' songs." A few years later, he was on a similar ride with another Religious Nahal group. "This time it was the same as changes when we rode through settled areas, it was to an emphasis on 'religious' songs and in a louder voice."

The soldiers of this second group were boys of Bnei Akiva's Eitanim "tribe." (In all the Israeli youth movements, each year's "tribe" is given a name of its own, which applies to all the branches throughout the country and then is adopted by their contemporaries in the movements throughout the Diaspora.)

Eitanim was the first Bnei Akiva tribe to have a special "Torah-Education Nucleus" whose members — including many of today's Gush Emunim leaders — were the first Bnei Akiva high-school graduates to go to Mercas Harav as a group. Others of the group went to Keren Beyerach, the first leader yeshiva and, like Mercas Harav, a "Zionist-oriented" higher yeshiva, and some went to some of the more traditional yeshivot.

When this started happening, notes Rabbi Yohanan Fried, a product of that development, that yeshiva had "exhausted the momentum of Rav Kook" (who died in 1935). Furthermore, in the War of Liberation, Reb Zvi Yehuda had not only encouraged, but had "literally bidden," his students to all the fighting forces, and many of them did not return to the yeshiva. As a result, through the early 1950s — Rabbi Hacohen and Fried both recall — Mercas Harav stood "virtually empty." Rabbi Fried, who left Bnei Akiva and the Mirabai Teachers Seminary in Jerusalem to enroll at Mercas in 1957, when he was 16, further recalls: "As he still does, Reb Zvi Yehuda then conducted certain afternoon classes in his home. At that time, there often wasn't a minyan (quorum of at least 10 men) for Mincha and Maariv (the Afternoon and Evening prayer services). Today, there are always between 50 and 60 men present."

When Rabbi Fried came to Mercas, there was a growing number of tutors, older students and contem-

poraries "to whom Reb Zvi Yehuda's teachings came through in a very live way. They were a new generation for whom his teachings were not theory. They sensed it all existentially."

"For them, Religious Zionism was not a 'compromise' between Torah and Zionism, or merely a message on the Zionist edifice. For a real general Faith-Zionism. But at the time, the National Religious Party had ceased to be a middle way and had become a middling way. They imbibed the Rav's teachings as a fighting teaching that can be implemented."

A growing number of Mercas students, so directed by Reb Zvi Yehuda, were going out on week-ends and at other times to do educational and group work in poor neighbourhoods and new-immigrant settlements and development towns. A revolutionary turning point for Reb Zvi Yehuda Kook, for his disciples, and for Bnei Akiva — came in 1967. It was the eve of Israel's 19th Independence Day. Relatively few people knew that there were certain suspicious military activities going on in Egypt and no one dreamt that there would be the kind of war there was three weeks later.

The Mercas Harav Yeshiva held its usual Independence Eve celebration. Reb Zvi Yehuda rose to deliver his customary Independence Day talk. The theme was: "The State of Israel's Psalm 137." Usually, he sang the praises of Israel, in the words of the Psalmist, a manifestation of God's glorious handwork. But this time he almost immediately launched into a dirge over how the nation seemed to have forgotten that we live in a truncated Eretz Yisrael, seemed to have forgotten Hebron, Shechem, Jericho. He went on to deliver a tirade against those — meaning, then, mainly Natorel Kartas — who ignored what so many great sages of the past had taught about "love of Zion," the central importance of Eretz Yisrael, and the Messianic Redemption process.

IN THE GLOOMY atmosphere of that time — it was the depth of the economic recession — Reb Zvi Yehuda's talk evoked a flood of weeping among his large audience: We had indeed sinned and forgotten. But 26 days later, after the events of the week of June 5, everybody who had heard that talk was now convinced that Reb Zvi Yehuda was not only a great teacher, but also a divinely inspired Prophet.

At the same time, the knitted skullcap men of the past decade — those of Mercas Harav and those of Bnei Akiva generally who had come under Mercas influence; the Religious Nahal paratroopers and those of other units — now, for the first time, were featured prominently, as individuals and as a group, in the photographs and tales of valour of the Six Day War.

As a result, the knitted skullcap started becoming a praiseworthy

concept, no longer an object of scorn for some and merely a defensively spiteful taunt by its wearers; no longer the election slogan which the NRP had used in its 1961 election advertisements and posters.

And Mercas Harav began to fill to overflowing with students — not only Bnei Akiva people, but also converts to Judaism and non-Orthodox Israelis who wished to "return to the fold" or at least to study and experience the "Kook way" at its source.

In the Yom Kippur War, the knitted-skullcap men figured even more prominently, especially those of the header yeshivot in the Tank Corps. Furthermore, while most of the country saw the war mainly in terms of the 2,500 Israeli lives lost, and its political aftermath an indication of doom, Mercas Harav, its knitted skullcap disciples and their younger followers — now grown to a large number — saw these in different terms:

The war, the way it had come, the great military victory, the loss of lives, and the political aftermath were a sign and warning not to be ignored. They were a sign that the Messianic Redemption process was indeed in full swing, and that people had better recognize it and act accordingly to speed it along.

Israel's growing isolation in the international arena, an aftermath of the Six Day War, and further enlargement in the immediate aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, was another sign, a fulfilment of the ancient prophecies about the Jews being "a people that dwells alone." The Messianic Redemption was indeed in progress, but if we acted correctly, we could accelerate it, and the "Messianic birth-pangs" would be reduced.

IN THE POST-1973 gloom, all of this was the truth for the growing number of Mercas Harav disciples and their Bnei Akiva followers. Once Gush Emunim appeared on the scene with its efforts to translate the "Kook way" into a settlement and political programme, it also started becoming the truth for a growing number of other followers, Orthodox and non-Orthodox, or at least, as Yosef Hermon, of Kibbutz Ayelot Elshazar, recently put it, "a shaft of light."

Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun recalls that immediately after the Six Day War Mercas Harav was the venue of a rally of its students and alumni. The purpose of this rally was "to set up a 'Klal Yisrael' ('all-Jewish', non-partisan) movement of spiritual-educational renewal in the spirit of Rav Kook and the yeshiva he established, and to 'fight' the Government's concessionist tendency in the face of external pressure — both of which were already then evident."

"By educational work linked to a programme of settlement in all parts of Eretz Yisrael, we hoped to combat the retreatist mood that was already setting in everywhere — on the spiritual as well as on the political front."

The meeting generated practical discussions which led, in the years 1967-73, to the participation of the future Gush Emunim people, as leaders or as founding members, in the re-establishment of Kfar Etzion; the establishment of Kiryat Arba at Hebron and the header yeshiva there; the establishment of the town of Alon Shvut the establishment in the Golan of Nov and the post-army kotel and of Ramat Magharim and its header yeshiva.

It also led to the organization of nuclei that settled in the Golan after the Yom Kippur War; that in the past year formed the core of the Maaleh Ha-adumim, Ofra, and Kaddum groups, and that are now waiting to settle in Samaria; the cooperation of Mercas Harav with the Land of Israel Movement; and the crystallization of a Mercas-inspired pressure bloc within the National Religious Party.

# What the next Zionist Congress will talk about — and won't

VIEWPOINT / Shaya Shapiro

FROM NOW UNTIL JANUARY, the thoughts of the delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress will be on making it "significant." Old-timers with limited ambitions hope simply to cut down on verbosity. The Congress will last eight days and not the usual ten, and the "general debate" which has always taken up so much of the assembly's time will be eliminated altogether.

A special session will be dedicated to the re-unification of Jerusalem. Another will mark the 80th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress. Committees will discuss Immigration and Absorption, Jewish Education, Zionist Information, Organization, and some other "big" issues.

But the biggest issue of all will be Ideology. What is Zionism? Who is a Zionist? Yosef Almoog, who insists on clear definitions, wants a committee to present a draft on the issue. Sceptics doubt whether a single formula can be found that will satisfy all shades of opinion.

A preview of the debate was held at a session of a committee of the Zionist Executive last month, when Almoog suggested the airing of topics for the Congress agenda. Some members advised him to shelve the matter. Others thought that searching into the contradictory antecedents in the Zionist movement might cause trouble.

Could religion, which has preserved the Jews from annihilation, be overlooked in describing Zionism? Or is egalitarian socialism which some say was preached by the prophets to be the spring to settle the Zionist mass into modernity?

A more practical topic discussed at last month's meeting centred on the perennial controversy between those who, like Yitzhak Korn, want the Zionist Organization to be based on political parties, and those who, like Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, now see party rule as the most serious handicap for Zionist action.

There were also those who argued

for an "active political role" for Zionists outside of Israel. The reality of Israel, a major principle of the present-day Zionist catechism not accepted by these Zionists, meant that the Israel authorities should be the unquestioned law in matters of Jewish survival.

THE CONTROVERSY is by no means new. The forced relocation of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the presidency of the Zionist Organization in 1968 took against that background.

Mr. Almoog's technical advice not expect the Congress to resolve these questions, but they do so, the Zionists to unite on common plans in the field.

Much is expected from Ra'anana Weitz, the Israeli head of the Settlement Department of the Organisation. He has been lining new and ambitious plans to establish villages where industry and agriculture would complement each other, provide settlers with attractive earnings, a meaningful life. And Moshe H. the energetic director-general of the Agency has agreed to be the preparatory committee chair with providing the means to implement the envisaged reforms.

One fears, however, that on for issue, perhaps the most important of all, will be skirted. Zionists at the forthcoming Congress, as has been in the state bluntly that the Jewish state was established as a preliminary dissolution of the Diaspora. Nobody will dare to call the leaders of the various communities who praise "special" situation in this country.

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